The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication in a law journal and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and WILLIAM F. SMITH and NASE, Administrative Patent Judges.

Per curiam.

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 13, 2004.

On December 23, 2002, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On April 16, 2004, appellants filed a communication requesting express abandonment of this application.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed December 23, 2002, is dismissed.

The application is being electronically returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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